



NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER REGISTRY APPROPRIATIONS

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Background

The National Firefighter Registry for Cancer represents a landmark initiative in understanding and addressing the occupational cancer risks faced by firefighters. Given the growing body of research demonstrating the elevated cancer risk associated with firefighting, the NFR is a crucial tool for collecting data, identifying trends, and informing policies that enhance firefighter health protections.

The Firefighter Cancer Registry Reauthorization Act (P.L.118-147) passed the House on suspension by a vote of 413-7 and the Senate by voice vote. The original authorization, the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act (P.L.115-194), became law in 2017 by unanimous consent in both chambers. This critical legislation reauthorized the registry through FY2028 and provided an authorization level of \$5.5 million per year – in line with the funding provided by the Committee for the last several years.

Ask



Please ensure the National Firefighter Registry has the funding (\$5.5 million for FY2026) and personnel that were authorized by Congress to help protect America's fire and emergency services from the scourge of occupational cancer.

Talking Points

Protecting Firefighter Health and Wellness

The NFR is a cornerstone in safeguarding firefighters' physical and mental well-being by identifying cancer risks early, enabling timely intervention, and promoting a culture of health that supports long, healthy careers in the fire service.

Comprehensive Research

The NFR fuels the large-scale, comprehensive research needed to understand long-term cancer risks and develop effective prevention and treatment strategies

Turning Data Into Action

The NFR collects crucial data to identify cancer trends, shape policies, and enhance firefighter health protections.

Informing National Policy

The NFR provides data essential for crafting federal regulations, occupational safety standards, and funding firefighter health programs nationwide.